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SUBJECT: CSCE: APRIL 2 WORKING GROUP DISCUSSION OF  
ECONOMIC COOPERATION.

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1. SUMMARY. CZECH REP TABLED REVISED SCIENCE AND  
TECHNOLOGY MANDATE WHICH GROUP AGREED COULD BECOME  
BASIS FOR CONSENSUS. GDR REP PROMISED TO PRODUCE  
REVISED MANDATE ON ENVIRONMENT. EC DELS CONTINUED TO  
REJECT BRACKETING AS METHOD OF WORK ON BASKET TWO.  
END SUMMARY.

2. CZECH REP TABLED REVISED SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY MANDATE  
(TEXT SEPTTEL). ROMANIAN AND SWEDISH REPS SAID THEY WOULD  
CIRCULATE MINOR AMENDMENTS. WESTERN DELS VOICED  
APPROVAL OF REVISED DRAFT ALTHOUGH SEVERAL EC DELS IN  
EFFORT TO PRESERVE SUB-COMMITTEE STRUCTURE OF BELGIAN  
MANDATE, INSISTED IT SHOULD READ "THE COMMITTEE/ SUB-COM-  
MITTEE" RATHER THAN "THE COMMITTEE." SOVIET REP  
(ZORIN) INITIALLY OPPOSED REFERENCE TO SUBCOMMITTEES  
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BUT FINALLY AGREED ON PROVISIONAL BASIS IN DETERMINED EFFORT TO OBTAIN CONSENSUS ON CZECH DRAFT WHICH COULD BE FORMALLY PROCLAIMED AT APRIL 3 PLENARY. BELGIAN AND UK REPS TRIED TO STAVE OFF CONSENSUS, POINTING OUT THAT OTHER DELS WOULD BE TABLING AMENDMENTS. US REP SAID HE COULD JOIN CONSENSUS FOR CZECH DRAFT IF SUBCOMMITTEE WAS REFERRED TO IN TEXT AND IF UNDERSTANDING REACHED THAT AMENDMENTS COULD BE TABLED SUBSEQUENTLY. ZORIN CONTINUED TO INSIST VEHEMENTLY ON IMMEDIATE AGREEMENT TO CZECH PROPOSAL BUT ULTIMATELY ACCEPTED US REP'S TERMS FOR SUCH AGREEMENT. FINALLY BELGIUM AND FRANCE ANNOUNCED THEY COULD NOT RPT NOT JOIN CONSENSUS UNTIL FRENCH LANGUAGE TEXT OF CZECH PROPOSAL BECAME AVAILABLE. ( COMMENT: WE ANTICIPATE THAT CONSENSUS WILL BE REACHED ON CZECH TEXT ON BASIS US REP'S PROPOSAL AT NEXT WORKING GROUP MEETING. END COMMENT.)

3. GDR REP ANNOUNCED HIS DEL HAD MET WITH BELGIAN DEL OVER WEEKEND TO DISCUSS MANDATE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PROMISED TO TABLE REVISED MANDATE AT NEXT WORKING GROUP MEETING. HE SAID REVISED TEXT WOULD TAKE ACCOUNT OF WESTERN VIEWS AND PROPOSED IT BE LABELED JOINT TEXT RATHER THAN GDR PRODUCT. ITALIAN AND UK REPS SAID JOINT TEXT WOULD BE PREMATURE AND GDR SHOULD CONTINUE TO ACKNOWLEDGE PARENTHOOD OF ITS PROPOSAL.

4. EC DELS CONTINUED TO OPPOSE BRACKETING OF UNAGREED LANGUAGE IN BASKET TWO PROPOSALS, ARGUING THAT PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECT OF DOING SO WOULD BE TO HARDEN POSITIONS AND MAKE REACHING CONSENSUS MORE DIFFICULT. SOVIET AND CZECH REPS STATED CONTRARY VIEW AND DISCUSSION ENDED INCONCLUSIVELY.

5. COMMENT: IN VIEW PLENARY MEETING APRIL 3, NEXT SESSION WORKING GROUP ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 4. AT NEXT NATO CAUCUS, US WILL URGE ALLIES TO AGREE TO END DISCUSSION IN WORKING GROUP ON INTRODUCTION TO BASKET TWO MANDATE, ON WHICH AREAS OF AGREEMENT AND DIVERGENCE NOW CLEARLY ESTABLISHED, AND MOVE ON TO SIMILAR EFFORT TO CLARIFY ISSUES IN TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR SUB- COMMITTEES ON TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION. END COMMENT.

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